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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AN EDITORIAL IN NOVEMBER 13TH ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S UPCOMING PEKING VISIT.
2. HENRY KISSINGER WILL BE GOING TO PEIPING -- AGAIN -- AFTER HE AND PRESIDENT FORD HAVE WOUND UP THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT WITH THE RUSSIANS.
3. THIS WILL BE THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S FIRST VISIT TO RED CHINA SINCE RICHARD NIXON'S DEPARTURE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.
4. THERE SEEMS TO BE NO SPECIFIC REASON FOR THE TRIP, EXCEPT THAT THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE PLEDGED CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEIPING.

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5. THIS PARTICULAR VISIT WAS TENTATIVELY MET UP WHILE

NIXON WAS STILL PRESIDENT.

6. DR. KISSINGER CAN SAY THAT HIS INTENTION IS TO BRIEF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ON THE TALKS BETWEEN FORD AND BREZHNEV. THE UNITED STATES IS AWARE THAT FEAR OF THE U.S.S.R. IS THE PRINCIPAL REASON FOR PEIPING'S LIMITED OVERTURES TO WASHINGTON.

7. PRESUMABLY THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S SPECIAL ENVOY, MINISTER CHOW SHU-KAI, HAS CONVEYED THE VIEWS OF THIS COUNTRY TO SECRETARY KISSINGER OR OTHER RANKING STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

8. AS FORMER AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, MINISTER CHOW KNOWS BOTH KISSINGER AND PRESIDENT FORD. HE HAS A WIDE ACQUAINTANCESHIP AND MANY FRIENDS IN THE WASHINGTON HIERARCHY.

9. THE ANTI-COMMUNISM OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS NEITHER BLIND NOR UNREASONABLE. WE ARE AS INTERESTED IN PROTECTING THE SECURITY AND WELL-BEING OF THE UNITED STATES AS IN SAFEQUARDING OUR OWN INTERESTS.

10. THIS IS NO TIME FOR NEW AMERICAN ADVENTURES WITH THE PEIPING REGIME. THE POWER STRUGGLE UNDER WAY ON THE CHINESE MAINLAND POSES LARGE UNCERTAINTIES.

1. WE CAN AND SHOULD ASK THAT THE UNITED STATES TAKE NO ACTIONS TO PROP UP THE MAOISTS. IF THE 800 MILLION PEOPLE OF THE MAINLAND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRIKE A BLOW FOR THEIR OWN FREEDOM, THE UNITED STATES SURELY WOULD NOT WISH TO STAND IN THE WAY.

12. AMERICAN PARTICUPATION IN THE GAME OF "RELAXING TENSIONS" HAS NEVER IMPLIED APPROVAL OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS OR THEIR REGIME. NOR HAVE THE MAOISTS MADE ANY SECRET OF THEIR CONTINUING DETESTATION OF AMERICAN CAPITALISM AND THIR LONGATERM INTENTION TO DESTROY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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13. PURE PRAGMATISM IS THE RULE ON BOTH SIDES. PRAGMATICALLY, THE UNITED STATES HAS GAINED ALL IT CAN HOPE TO GET IN THE WASY OF A MAINLAND FOOTHOLD AND TRADE AND OTHER EXCHANGES.

14. THE UNITED STATES AND PEIPING ARE USING EACH OTHER AS FOILS IN THEIR FENCING MATCHES WITH THE U.S.S.R. SO LONG AS THE COMMUNISTS USURP THE MAINLAND, SUCH A U.S.

POLICY MAY BE UNDERSTANDABLE. BUT THE UNITED STATES
NEED GO NO FURTHER. IT HAS ALREADY REACHED ALL ATTAINABLE
GOALS.

15. WE STILL FEEL THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER CANNOT
POSSIBLY KNOW CHINA UNTIL HE COMES TO THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA. THE INVITATION IS OPEN. IF HE CAN GO FROM
VLADIVOSTOK TO PEIPING, WHY NOT FROM PRIPING TO TAIPEI?
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